

Dear all - The State of Connecticut is fortunate to have a fabulous wellspring of information and technology available to all - our public and association libraries. The access to information and technology that libraries provide in our state levels the playing field for our citizenry. Funding **Connecticard, CLC and Grants to Public Libraries** are the easiest ways for you to provide computers, the internet, free reading enrichment to new readers of all ages and a locus of for all kinds of social service, educational, cultural enrichment groups who have no home of their own.

If funding for Connecticard, CLC and Grants to Public Libraries goes away, many of the most needy in our state will not have a way to research and make applications for jobs, children will not be ready for kindergarten, and many of the most important charities that make our state work will have no home.

Why does the funding of Connecticard, CLC and Grants to Public Libraries make this huge difference to our our library services and our charitable organizations? **All libraries will have to divert funds to offset the lowered funding of Connecticard, CLC and Grants to Public Libraries.** Hours open to the public most likely will be cut.

I think you would be hard pressed to find a more fiscally conservative group that consistently delivers these vital services to our communities than our libraries. The infrastructure is tried and true. It is in place. Please fund it!

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